

REMARKS

In response to the Requirement for Restriction, issued December 31, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-14, 19-33, 46 and 47, drawn to a cartridge and apparatus for purifying a liquid chemical, classified in class 210, subclass 282. The restriction requirement is submitted to be improper because Group III is not 'independent and distinct' from Group I. In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

Early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

46. (New) The cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the chemical to be purified is further comprised of a hydrogen peroxide solution.
47. (New) The cartridge according to claim 46, wherein the purification material reduces the amount of a combination of cationic contaminant and an anionic contaminant, in the chemical to be purified upon contact therewith.